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3 Ex-Employees Plan Campaign To Unmask CIA

HAVANA (AP) — Six American leftists, including three former CIA employees, announced plans yesterday to establish a worldwide network of agents to expose CIA personnel and methods of operations.

To launch the operation, the six said they were willing to meet with members of the delegations from 145 countries that have gathered here for the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students. The festival, more than two years in preparation, has attracted some 20,000 foreign delegates.

The best known of the Americans is Philip Agee, who resigned from the CIA in 1969 after 12 years as a case officer and has since written two books on CIA activities. With Agee at his side, William Schaat, who has done research of U.S. intelligence operations, outlined the plans at a news conference at the Havana Libre Hotel.

SCHAAT SAID he and his colleagues hope to meet with as many festival delegates as possible to explain "the kind of work the CIA does and how to uncover and expose its methods.

"We hope ultimately to establish a worldwide network of involved and knowledgeable researchers who will have CIA officers under close scrutiny."

The name of the operation will be "CIA Watch," he said, and the role of the Americans will be to "check and double check the work that has been done."

Schaat said the CIA continues to attack institutions and "to corrupt or kill public officials, union leaders, students, progressive church or civic leaders or anyone else who stands in the way of the forces represented by the capitalists, imperialists, or the multi-national corporations."

The group also is collaborating on a new publication — Covert Action Information Bulletin — the first issue of which was released a few days ago.

OTHER MEMBERS of the group are James and Elsie Wilcott, who worked in finance and support for the CIA for nine years; Ellen Ray, a researcher on CIA activities; and Louis Wolf, who collaborated with Agee on a book to be published soon, "Dirty Work: The CIA in Western Europe."

The book describes in detail how to expose CIA personnel and also has detailed biographies of more than 700 U.S. intelligence personnel around the globe.

The CIA has been increasingly alarmed about public identification of its agents. One operative, Richard Welch, was assassinated in Greece after a newspaper reported his connection with the agency.

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SPY WATCHERS—U.S. panel of anti-CIA activists opens 11th World Festival of Youth and Students in Havana by disclosing plans for worldwide effort to keep CIA offices "under close scrutiny." About 20,000 from 145 countries are taking part in Cuban events this week. Panelists are, from left, ex-CIA employe James Wilcott, Ellen Ray, William Schaap, Rolando Alvarez, ex-CIA officer Philip Agee, Lou Wolf. One exhibit: "CIA Crimes and subversion."

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ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
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Ex-CIA Trio Joins Attack on Agency

HAVANA — More than 20,000 delegates from 145 countries are here for a week of anti-CIA festivities, and among the most enthusiastic participants are three former CIA employees.

The occasion is the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students, which was formally inaugurated Friday night with a massive fireworks display at Latin American Stadium before a beaming President Fidel Castro.

The political fireworks occurred several hours earlier when the three former CIA employees were joined at a news conference by three other anti-CIA American activists. The group announced plans for the establishment of a "worldwide network" of informants to expose CIA personnel and methods.

The best-known of the six is Philip Agee, who has written or co-authored two books on the CIA since he resigned from the agency in 1969 after 12 years as a case officer.

Besides Agee, the other disenchanted former employees of the CIA here are James and Elsie Wilcott, who worked in finance and support operations for the CIA for nine years.